

Attention voters of Wilbraham:

Annual Town Meeting

Town of Wilbraham



**Warrant and Budget
Annual Town Meeting
May 11, 2015
7:00 PM
Minnechaug Regional High School**

Please bring this workbook with you.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 11, 2015
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MAY 16, 2015

HAMPDEN COUNTY, SS

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Wilbraham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at **Minnechaug Regional High School (PRECINCTS A, B, C, & D)** in said Wilbraham on **Saturday, the 16th day of May, 2015 when the polls will be open between the hours of 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM**, then and there to act on the following:

To give their votes to the election of officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Selectman for three years; Town Clerk for three years; Town Moderator for three years; Assessor for three years; two Regional School Committee members for three years; Tree Warden for three years; Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Cemetery Commissioner for one year; Water Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; Planning Board member for five years; Planning Board member for one year; Housing Authority member for five years.

All business of said meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at **7:00 PM, on Monday, the 11th day of May, 2015 at the Minnechaug Regional High School Auditorium**, in said Town, then and there to act on the following articles:

Articles designated for the Consent Agenda () are considered routine and will be acted upon with a single motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the Moderator in order to address any voter concerns or questions.*

Second Night. If there is considerable business remaining as the clock approaches 11:00 PM, the Moderator will consider a motion to adjourn to a second session.

***ARTICLE 1. Choosing miscellaneous officials (consent agenda).** To choose one Poundkeeper; two Surveyors of Lumber; two Measurers of Wood and Charcoal; two Field Drivers; two Weighers of Grain; all for a term of one year.

Explanation: The Town has a tradition that these positions be filled by election at each Annual Town Meeting.

***ARTICLE 2. Hearing reports (consent agenda).** To hear and act on reports of all officers and committees whose duties require them to report to said meeting.

Explanation: Under this Article, Town Meeting formally accepts the 2014 Town Report.

ARTICLE 3. Funding Transfers FY 2015. To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money previously appropriated but unexpended from certain FY 2015 budgets for the purpose of funding certain FY 2015 budgets, which are insufficient to meet needed expenditure levels for the balance of the fiscal year, pursuant to Section 33B of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article proposes to cover shortfalls in FY 2015 Town departmental budgets with surpluses identified in other Town departmental budgets.

Finance Committee Recommendation: To be Made at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 4. Ambulance Fund Transfer. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to the FY'15 Ambulance Budget for the purpose of covering overtime, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Ambulance Fund is a self-supporting budget, and this Article appropriates money from ambulance receipts to balance unanticipated overtime payments in FY'2015.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 5. Parliamentary procedures. To see if the Town shall adopt special parliamentary procedures for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 (Proposition 2½) as amended, and as set forth in a document entitled "Article 5, Exhibit A," on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Under this Article, Town Meeting agrees to accept the Finance Committee's revenue estimates for the FY 2016 budget, and to keep total expenditures in balance with revenues. A voter making a motion to increase spending must identify the funding source.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 6. Compensation for elected Town officials. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation for all elected Town Officers for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law requires Annual Town Meeting to set the compensation of elected officials.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 7. Budget appropriations. To hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee together with the appropriations recommended by the Committee; and to raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate the same as well as vote how the same shall be raised or provided for, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article presents the Finance Committee's recommendations for the FY 2016 budget. Any amendment to increase any budget item may only be presented according to the guidelines set forth in Article 5, Parliamentary Procedures.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of the FY'2016 Annual Budget in the amounts listed below.

ARTICLE 8. Water Enterprise Fund Budget. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes the budget for the Water Enterprise Fund and the funding sources for said enterprise fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 9. Water Enterprise Retained Earnings. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$27,000 from available funds in the Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings account to fund the purchase of a Water Department Truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This funding, along with an insurance settlement, will be used to purchase a replacement Water Department Truck. (A car traveling on Boston Road crossed the double solid line hitting the Water Department Truck head-on. The truck was a total loss.)

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 10. Water Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from water receipts the sum of \$25,000.00 or any other sum, for a Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund under the Water Enterprise Fund, determine how this appropriation should be provided for, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article would provide a special reserve fund under the Water Enterprise Fund to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs to that fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 11. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes the budget for the Wastewater Enterprise Fund and the funding sources for said enterprise fund

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 12. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from wastewater receipts the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other sum, for a Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund under the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, and determine how this appropriation should be provided for, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article would provide a special reserve fund under the Wastewater Enterprise Fund to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs to that fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 13. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes the budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and the funding sources for said enterprise fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 14. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from solid waste receipts the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other sum, for a Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund under the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, and determine how this appropriation should be provided for, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article would provide a special reserve fund under the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs to that fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 15. Receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$647,271] from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to Ambulance personal services, operating and capital costs, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from ambulance billing receipts to support the town's ambulance service.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 16. Appropriations for Ambulance Depreciation Account. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$50,000] from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to be held in a depreciation account for vehicle and equipment replacement pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from ambulance billing receipts to a holding account which accumulates funding for the future replacement of the ambulance vehicle.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 17. Receipts reserved for appropriation for cemeteries. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$20,000] from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Cemeteries to Cemetery Expenses, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 and Section 16 of Chapter 114 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from cemetery receipts to support operation of town cemeteries.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 18. Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds (free cash), transfer from Overlay Surplus, or otherwise fund, a sum of money for a Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Under State law, the Town is allowed to maintain a Reserve Fund to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs that arise during the year. The Finance Committee must approve transfers from the Reserve Fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 19. Special Appropriation for road repaving and preservation. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Stabilization Fund, or transfer from available funds (free cash), \$150,000 to repave, resurface and/or crack seal public ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide additional funding for re-pavement and road surface preservation of streets in Wilbraham. This will be the sixth year of a ten-year effort to catch up on the Department of Public Work's pavement management plan.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE: 20. Funding of new Police Station. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to pay costs of purchasing land, planning, designing and constructing a new police facility, including the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto. This vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by M.G.L. c.59, sec. 21c (Proposition 2 ½) on a portion of the borrowing authorized by this vote or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article proposes to provide funding for a new police station. The current police station was built in 1904, (110 years old.) As a result, the facility is undersized and contains many deficiencies that hinder the efficiency of Police services.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 21. Re-appropriate Open Space Acquisition funds. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$28,000, originally appropriated for Open Space acquisition, under Article 18 of the May 16, 2005 Annual Town Meeting (\$7,000); Article 20 of the May 25, 2006 Annual Town Meeting (\$7,000); Article 21 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting (\$7,000) and Article 18 of the May 12, 2008 Annual Town Meeting (\$7,000); for Open Space acquisition and Management of existing Conservation land, in accordance with Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article proposes to apply funds from amounts previously appropriated for open space acquisition by the Conservation Commission to be used for Open Space acquisition and Management of existing Conservation land.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 22. Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the following available funds (free cash, water receipts, wastewater receipts, solid waste receipts, receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance) a sum of money to be placed into the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

| FUND | SOURCE | AMOUNT |
|---|---|----------|
| General Fund | Raise and appropriate | \$200,00 |
| Water Enterprise Fund | Water receipts | \$6,500 |
| Wastewater Enterprise Fund | Wastewater receipts | \$2,800 |
| Solid Waste Enterprise Fund | Solid waste receipts | \$1,300 |
| Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance | Receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance | \$5,200 |

Explanation: This Article would provide further funding of the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established to continue prefunding the town's unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 23. October, 2011 Snow Storm Costs. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ 113,926 from available funds (free cash) to pay for costs associated with the cleanup from the October, 2011 Snowstorm, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article will transfer funds from Free Cash to pay for unreimbursed town costs associated with the October, 2011 Snowstorm.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 24. Municipal Building Insurance Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds (free cash), one thousand dollars to be placed in the Building Insurance fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would place an additional amount into the Building Insurance Fund, used to pay for uninsured or underinsured property losses. To avoid this fund from reverting to free cash at the end of fiscal year, the town must maintain an appropriation.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 25. Stabilization Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from overlay surplus, (certified as excess by the Board of Assessors pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws,) or transfer from other available funds (free cash), a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund and an additional sum of money to be added to the Capital Stabilization Fund, both in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article will fund the Stabilization Fund and Capital Stabilization Fund, the Town's savings accounts.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 26. Zoning By-Law Amendment –Cottage Food Operation Regulations: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by inserting in proper alphabetical order a new definition for "Cottage Food Operation" in section 1.3 and by inserting at the end of existing section 3.9.2.13 a new paragraph I (Home-based Cottage Food Operation Exemption) as set forth in a document entitled "Zoning Amendment Exhibit A" on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto. (PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS) (%rds. vote)

Explanation: This amendment to the Zoning By-Law seeks to establish new home occupation residential accessory use regulations that would allow a resident to use their home kitchen to prepare certain low-risk foods for off-premise sale to the consumer.

ARTICLE 27. Zoning By-Law Amendment - Rezoning from R-34 to R-26: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law and the accompanying Zoning Map referenced therein by rezoning from Residence-34 (R-34) to Residence-26 (R-26) a parcel of land containing approximately 14.15 acres being the rear portion of land located at 601 Main Street owned by 601 Main Street, LLC as more particularly described on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Zoning Amendment Exhibit B", or take any other action relative thereto. (PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS) (%rds. vote)

Explanation: This article seeks to amend the Wilbraham Zoning Map by rezoning the rear portion of land located at 601 Main Street from Residence-34 to Residence-26.

ARTICLE 28. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Neighborhood Office Zoning District Use Regulations: To see if the Town will vote to amend sections 3.4.5.4 and 3.4.5.17 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by deleting the code designation "N" and substituting therefor the code designation "ZBA" in the Neighborhood Office ("NO") zoning district column of the Schedule of Use Regulations Table, or take any other action relative thereto. (PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS) (%rds. vote)

Explanation: This amendment to the Zoning By-Law would add retail sales and restaurant/food service establishments to the list of uses allowed by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Neighborhood Office Zoning District.

ARTICLE 29. Community Preservation Program Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,750 from the Community Preservation Fund for administrative costs of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article provides funding to the Community Preservation Committee for Administrative costs.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 30. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$98,600 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing for a Community Preservation Project to purchase and install windows at The Pines and Miles Morgan Housing Developments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Wilbraham Housing Authority to purchase and install new windows at two housing developments, under the Wilbraham Housing Authority's management. Those housing developments are The Pines, located at 88 Stony Hill Road, and Miles Morgan, located at 12 Miles Morgan Court.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 31. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,900 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for a Community Preservation Project to provide funding for a design study to implement accessibility code renovations to the Wilbraham Children's Museum, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Wilbraham Commission on Disability to purchase the professional services of an architectural firm to complete a design study to renovate the Wilbraham Children's Museum to make the building accessible and compliant with federal and state accessibility code requirements.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 32. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$44,000 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to provide an ADA Accessible Fishing and Boating Dock at Spec Pond, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Wilbraham Commission on Disability to purchase services for design and final construction of, (as well to cover the cost of permitting requirements and bid administration,) an accessible, stable, over-the-water dock for fishing and boat launch, located at Spec Pond 2540 Boston Road, and constructed in compliance with ADA (American Disability Act) and AAB (Architectural Access Board) codes.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 33. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for a Community Preservation Project to continue the ongoing inventory of Wilbraham's historical resources, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide funding to the Wilbraham Historical Commission to continue the ongoing project to inventory Wilbraham's historical resources through the identification of structures and properties significant to Wilbraham's history. The funding will cover the cost of consultant services provided by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, who will conduct historical research on the identified historical inventory as well as create digital records of the historical inventory, which will be given to the Town of Wilbraham, Wilbraham Atheneum Society and Wilbraham Public Library.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 34. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$9,005 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for a Community Preservation Project for the preservation of town record books in the custody of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide funding for the continued restoration and preservation of the Town's record books under the supervision of the Town Clerk.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 35. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,500 from the Community Preservation Open Space Fund for a Community Preservation Project to provide funding for a campaign to raise public awareness about invasive tree insects, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Tree Warden to purchase services and material related to the design, printing and mailing of promotional, educational flyers to be sent to all Wilbraham residents so as to raise public awareness about invasive tree insects, specifically the Emerald Ash Borer, so Wilbraham residents can identify the insect that poses a threat to Wilbraham's urban forest.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 36. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to renovate Wilbraham's Memorial and Soule Road Fields as well as the Spec Pond Pavilion, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article will provide funding to renovate three of Wilbraham's recreational facilities: Memorial Fields, Soule Road Fields and Spec Pond Pavilion. At Memorial Fields the funding will go towards installing new fencing and a well for irrigation; restoring the fields' turfs, infields, dugouts and other field enhancements as well as regarding and seeding the fields. At Soule Road Fields, the funding will go towards reseeding the entire complex, defining the infields and outfield areas, and adjusting the sprinkler heads so the fields are being watered properly. At Spec Pond Pavilion, the funding will go towards restoring the Pavilion's floors and heavy duty metal doors to the bathroom, upgrading lighting, replacing old mats in the kitchen area, repainting the facility and purchasing new picnic tables. Lastly, the funds will be used to the purchase and installation of security cameras and related signage at Spec Pond Pavilion. The project will be managed by the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of Recreation and the Baseball Committee.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 37. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Fund for a Community Preservation Project to implement a CPA funded Forest Management Plan prepared for the Twelve Mile Brook Property in 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would use CPA funds to contract with a forester to prepare a Forest Cutting Plan and develop project specifications and proposals for forest harvesting. The Forester will work cooperatively with the Conservation Commission to mark trees for removal and delineate the harvesting area. The Town will contract with a licensed timber harvester to implement the Forest Cutting Plan. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Conservation Commission and Department of Public Works.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 38. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$150,000 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to perform restoration work at Bruuer Pond/Sevey Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would use CPA funds to provide funding to complete the restoration work at Bruuer Pond/Sevey Park by dredging sediment from the pond, which includes engineering and construction services as well as environmental permitting. The purpose of this project is to restore the pond, surrounding vegetation and wildlife habitat as well as prevent upstream flooding on Main Street and Woodland Dell Road. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the Conservation Commission.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 39. Community Preservation Program Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,500 from the Community Preservation Open Space Fund for a Community Preservation Project to repair a historic stone boundary fence at Bruuer Pond, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would use CPA funds to hire a master craftsman and materials to restore approximately 300 feet of stone boundary fence at Bruuer Pond in an effort to preserve a town boundary. The project will be under the direction of the Wilbraham Conservation Commission and Department of Public Works.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 40. Community Gardens Revolving Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the use of the Conservation Commission, to accept revenue from lot rental fees at the community gardens, which shall be used to purchase goods, tools and services, including water resources, for the use of the gardeners at the Community Gardens, and further to transfer the balance from the FY 2015 revolving fund to the FY 2016 revolving fund in accordance with Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows the town to authorize revolving funds to collect and disburse specific fee revenues; and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 41. Authorization to dispose of surplus equipment (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of damaged, obsolete, or unneeded tangible personal property or equipment owned by the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Each year, Town Meeting may authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus equipment.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 42. Grants Authorization (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the expenditure of any such grants or funds received from such grants in accordance with the terms of said grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Certain grant programs require a Town Meeting vote of authorization for application and expenditure.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 43. Council on Aging Revolving Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the use of the Council on Aging to accept revenue from program fees and donations which shall be used for program expenses and further to transfer the balance from the FY 2015 revolving fund to the FY 2016 revolving fund in accordance with Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows the Town to authorize revolving funds to collect and disburse specific fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 44. Compost Bin Revolving Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the use of the Disposal and Recycling Center, to accept revenue from the sale of compost bins which shall be used to purchase additional compost bins, and further to transfer the balance of the FY 2015 revolving fund to the FY 2016 revolving fund in accordance with Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows the Town to authorize revolving funds to collect and disburse specific fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 45. Cemetery Revolving Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for the use of the Cemetery Commission, to accept revenue from the sale of boundary markers, foundations, winter access charges, and for opening and closing graves, which shall be used to purchase boundary markers, foundations, winter access charges, and to open and close graves, and further to transfer the balance from the FY 2015 revolving fund to the FY 2016 revolving fund in accordance with Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law allows the Town to authorize revolving funds to collect and disburse specific fee revenues, and requires that Annual Town Meeting approve these accounts each year.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 46. Authorization to enter into lease/purchase agreements (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make contracts for the lease, with option to purchase, of various municipal equipment, subject to annual appropriation, if in the opinion of the Board it is in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen shall identify within its budget submission to the Finance Committee any contract for the lease with an option to purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/ purchase agreements.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 47. Authorization to borrow for capital outlays. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money for the following purposes:

- 1) in accordance with Section 7(3A) of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to public buildings owned by the Town, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements; and
- 2) in accordance with Section 7(9) of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the cost of departmental equipment;
- 3) in accordance with Section 7(1) of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the construction or reconstruction of surface drains, sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article authorizes borrowing in support of the Town's five-year capital improvements plan, which will be outlined at Town Meeting and presented in the motion.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 48. Acceptance of deeds. To see if the Town will vote to accept such deeds and grants of interests in land to the Town recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds or the Hampden County Land Registration Office since the date of the last Annual Town Meeting as filed by the Board of Selectmen with the Town Clerk as "Article 48, Exhibit A", or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Under this Article Town Meeting votes to accept certain interests in land that have been deeded or granted to the Town during the past year.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 49. Main Street Area Sidewalk Project. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (free cash), \$100,000 for the sidewalks in the Main Street Area., or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Town's Vision Task Force has determined that town residents have a strong interest in upgrading the sidewalks in Town. This article would provide funds for improvements to sidewalks along Main Street.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 50. Appointed Tree Warden. To see if the town will vote to amend the Bylaws by deleting Section 310 (Tree Warden) in its entirety and adding the following new section, or take any other action relative thereto:

SECTION 423 TREE WARDEN

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Tree Warden for a term of three years under the provisions of Section 106 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Explanation: This Article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Tree Warden, "qualified by training and experience in the field of Arboriculture and licensed with the Department of Food And Agriculture" for a term of three years. The Tree warden is currently an elected position.

ARTICLE 51. Fountain Park use guideline changes. To see if the town will vote to amend the "use guidelines" originally accepted at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting that restrict Fountain Park from receiving any taxpayer monies, and to allow Community Preservation Act monies to be spent at Fountain Park or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The original use guidelines specified that no taxpayer monies shall be used at Fountain Park. The Community Preservation Act was not enacted when the Town accepted Fountain Park. Specific authorization to allow CPA monies to be used at Fountain Park would be necessary to support historic preservation and passive recreation projects that benefit the community.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 52. Reclassify land at 68v (C) Brainard Road. To see if the town will vote to designate the Town owned property known and designated as 68V (C) Brainard Road as Open Space to be supervised and managed by the Wilbraham Conservation Commission. Under the auspices of the Wilbraham Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Wilbraham Recreation Commission may request active and /or passive recreational activities on the property through the Conservation Commission or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The purpose of this Article is to reclassify the Land known as 68V (C) Brainard Road from municipal property to open space property. Should the Town of Wilbraham desire to change the Land to another use, a two-thirds majority of voters at Town Meeting shall be required.

ARTICLE 53. Town By-Law Amendment – Consumption of Intoxicating Beverages on Streets and on Certain Public Properties Amendment. To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing Town By-law Section 603 by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following as set forth in a document entitled “Town By-Law Amendment Exhibit A” on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article would bring the Town by-law, relative to public drinking, into compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.

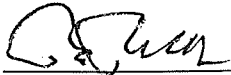
ARTICLE 54. Town By-Law Amendment – Unreasonable Noise Amendment. To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing Town By-law Section 630 (Unreasonable Noise) by deleting section 4(b) in its entirety. This section relates to the powers of the police to arrest an individual violating the by-law as set forth in a document entitled “Town By-Law Amendment Exhibit B” on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article would bring the Town by-law into compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.

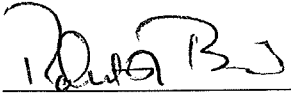
And to transact such other business as may properly come before this meeting,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Office Building and the Library in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

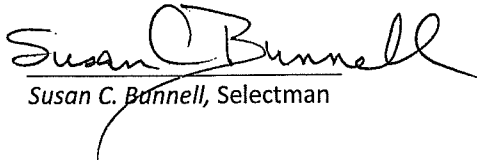
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this thirtieth day of March, two thousand and fifteen.



Robert W. Russell, Selectman



Robert J. Boilard, Selectman



Susan C. Bunnell, Selectman



Proposed Appropriations FY 2016 Budget (Article 7)

This is a preliminary budget and may be updated at Town Meeting

| | | | FY 2014 Expended | FY 2015 Appropriation | FY 2016 Dept. Submission | FY 2016 TA/BOS Proposed | Finance Comm. Recommended |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 111 | Legal Counsel | Salaries | | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$123,641 | \$125,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| | | Total | \$123,641 | \$125,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 |
| 113 | Town Meeting | Salaries | \$4,601 | \$22,058 | \$15,350 | \$15,350 | \$15,350 |
| | | Expense | \$5,939 | \$13,820 | \$9,505 | \$9,505 | \$9,505 |
| | | Total | \$10,541 | \$35,878 | \$24,855 | \$24,855 | \$24,855 |
| 122 | Selectmen/ Town Administrator | Salaries | \$435,401 | \$357,933 | \$313,241 | \$328,241 | \$328,241 |
| | | Expense | \$30,756 | \$42,150 | \$49,150 | \$49,150 | \$49,150 |
| | | Total | \$466,156 | \$400,083 | \$362,391 | \$377,391 | \$377,391 |
| 123 | BOS/TA (Non Recurring) | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$29,500 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 |
| | | Total | \$29,500 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 |
| 134 | Accounting | Salaries | \$163,566 | \$177,893 | \$184,046 | \$184,046 | \$184,046 |
| | | Expense | \$30,109 | \$36,875 | \$36,875 | \$36,875 | \$36,875 |
| | | Total | \$193,676 | \$214,768 | \$220,921 | \$220,921 | \$220,921 |
| 137 | Assessors | Salaries | \$179,094 | \$186,758 | \$193,968 | \$193,968 | \$193,968 |
| | | Expense | \$17,381 | \$28,700 | \$28,800 | \$28,800 | \$28,800 |
| | | Total | \$196,475 | \$215,458 | \$222,768 | \$222,768 | \$222,768 |
| 138 | Treasurer/Collector | Salaries | \$206,814 | \$211,220 | \$215,657 | \$215,657 | \$215,657 |
| | | Expense | \$40,867 | \$52,900 | \$53,900 | \$53,900 | \$53,900 |
| | | Total | \$247,680 | \$264,120 | \$269,557 | \$269,557 | \$269,557 |
| 154 | Information Technology | Salaries | \$178,099 | \$181,236 | \$223,951 | \$223,951 | \$223,951 |
| | | Expense | \$194,885 | \$192,930 | \$207,930 | \$207,930 | \$207,930 |
| | | Total | \$372,984 | \$374,166 | \$431,881 | \$431,881 | \$431,881 |
| 161 | Town Clerk | Salaries | \$126,510 | \$129,020 | \$131,587 | \$131,587 | \$131,587 |
| | | Expense | \$2,823 | \$4,325 | \$4,325 | \$4,325 | \$4,325 |
| | | Total | \$129,333 | \$133,345 | \$135,912 | \$135,912 | \$135,912 |
| 163 | Registrars of Voters | Salaries | \$2,075 | \$6,719 | \$5,700 | \$5,700 | \$5,700 |
| | | Expense | \$5,910 | \$5,105 | \$5,155 | \$5,155 | \$5,155 |
| | | Total | \$7,985 | \$11,824 | \$10,855 | \$10,855 | \$10,855 |
| 171 | Conservation | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$1,258 | \$1,480 | \$27,904 | \$27,904 | \$27,904 |
| | | Total | \$1,258 | \$1,480 | \$27,904 | \$27,904 | \$27,904 |
| 179 | Planning | Salaries | \$100,879 | \$101,972 | \$105,060 | \$105,060 | \$105,060 |
| | | Expense | \$5,066 | \$6,550 | \$6,550 | \$6,550 | \$6,550 |
| | | Total | \$105,946 | \$108,522 | \$111,610 | \$111,610 | \$111,610 |
| 191 | Facility Maintenance | Salaries | \$60,927 | \$64,302 | \$69,729 | \$69,729 | \$69,729 |
| | | Expense | \$137,505 | \$151,960 | \$129,100 | \$129,100 | \$129,100 |
| | | Total | \$198,432 | \$216,262 | \$198,829 | \$198,829 | \$198,829 |
| 192 | Town Properties | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$370,059 | \$404,750 | \$422,840 | \$422,840 | \$422,840 |
| | | Total | \$370,059 | \$404,750 | \$422,840 | \$422,840 | \$422,840 |

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|-----|------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 193 | General Insurance | Expense | \$352,184 | \$427,500 | \$452,500 | \$452,500 | \$452,500 |
| | | Total | \$352,184 | \$427,500 | \$452,500 | \$452,500 | \$452,500 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 194 | Group Insurance | Expense | \$1,007,811 | \$1,106,652 | \$1,195,247 | \$1,179,356 | \$1,179,356 |
| | | Total | \$1,007,811 | \$1,106,652 | \$1,195,247 | \$1,179,356 | \$1,179,356 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 195 | Capital Projects - School | Expense | \$0 | \$0 | \$300,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$300,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 196 | Town Report | Expense | \$1,662 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 |
| | | Total | \$1,662 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 | \$1,800 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 197 | Surety Bonds | Expense | \$1,478 | \$1,600 | \$1,600 | \$1,600 | \$1,600 |
| | | Total | \$1,478 | \$1,600 | \$1,600 | \$1,600 | \$1,600 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 198 | Pensions | Expense | \$1,303,566 | \$1,421,844 | \$1,549,240 | \$1,549,240 | \$1,549,240 |
| | | Total | \$1,303,566 | \$1,421,844 | \$1,549,240 | \$1,549,240 | \$1,549,240 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 199 | Town Office | Expense | \$83,507 | \$103,000 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |
| | | Total | \$83,507 | \$103,000 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |
| | | Salaries | \$2,000,868 | \$2,030,817 | \$2,148,140 | \$2,148,140 | \$2,148,140 |
| 210 | Police | Expense | \$142,432 | \$171,675 | \$175,116 | \$183,587 | \$183,587 |
| | | Total | \$2,143,300 | \$2,202,492 | \$2,323,256 | \$2,331,727 | \$2,331,727 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 211 | Police (Non-Recurring) | Expense | \$124,665 | \$79,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 |
| | | Total | \$124,665 | \$79,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 | \$70,000 |
| | | Salaries | \$1,579,858 | \$1,700,833 | \$1,733,192 | \$1,733,192 | \$1,733,192 |
| 220 | Fire | Expense | \$152,351 | \$138,170 | \$147,900 | \$147,900 | \$147,900 |
| | | Total | \$1,732,209 | \$1,839,003 | \$1,881,092 | \$1,881,092 | \$1,881,092 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 221 | Fire (Non-Recurring) | Expense | \$7,526 | \$32,965 | \$4,305 | \$4,305 | \$4,305 |
| | | Total | \$7,526 | \$32,965 | \$4,305 | \$4,305 | \$4,305 |
| | | Salaries | | | \$0 | \$0 | |
| 225 | Public Safety Communications | Expense | | \$14,400 | \$14,400 | \$14,400 | \$14,400 |
| | | Total | | \$14,400 | \$14,400 | \$14,400 | \$14,400 |
| | | Salaries | \$391,533 | \$414,277 | \$417,765 | \$417,765 | \$417,765 |
| 240 | Central Dispatch | Expense | \$2,245 | \$7,455 | \$10,545 | \$10,545 | \$10,545 |
| | | Total | \$393,777 | \$421,732 | \$428,310 | \$428,310 | \$428,310 |
| | | Salaries | \$127,573 | \$131,056 | \$139,886 | \$139,886 | \$139,886 |
| 251 | Inspectors | Expense | \$2,739 | \$5,700 | \$6,250 | \$6,250 | \$6,250 |
| | | Total | \$130,312 | \$136,756 | \$146,136 | \$146,136 | \$146,136 |
| | | Salaries | \$4,533 | \$4,625 | \$4,718 | \$4,718 | \$4,718 |
| 254 | Sealer of Weights & Measures | Expense | \$1,109 | \$1,580 | \$2,980 | \$2,980 | \$2,980 |
| | | Total | \$5,642 | \$6,205 | \$7,698 | \$7,698 | \$7,698 |
| | | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$100 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 291 | Civil Defense | Expense | \$10,699 | \$15,090 | \$10,700 | \$10,700 | \$10,700 |
| | | Total | \$10,699 | \$15,090 | \$10,800 | \$10,700 | \$10,700 |
| | | Salaries | \$18,900 | \$19,482 | \$19,848 | \$19,848 | \$19,848 |
| 292 | Dog Officer | Expense | \$4,450 | \$6,518 | \$6,152 | \$6,152 | \$6,152 |
| | | Total | \$23,350 | \$26,000 | \$26,000 | \$26,000 | \$26,000 |

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|---------------------------|---|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 294 | Tree Warden | Salaries | \$9,530 | \$9,720 | \$9,915 | \$9,915 | \$9,915 |
| | | Expense | \$29,582 | \$38,891 | \$38,891 | \$38,891 | \$38,891 |
| | | Total | \$39,112 | \$48,611 | \$48,806 | \$48,806 | \$48,806 |
| 296 | Insect Control | Salaries | \$2,705 | \$2,760 | \$2,816 | \$2,816 | \$2,816 |
| | | Expense | \$84 | \$2,159 | \$2,159 | \$2,159 | \$2,159 |
| | | Total | \$2,789 | \$4,919 | \$4,975 | \$4,975 | \$4,975 |
| 301 | Hampden- Wilbraham Regional School District Assessment | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$21,456,370 | \$22,498,990 | \$23,121,203 | \$23,520,303 | \$23,520,303 |
| | | Total | \$21,456,370 | \$22,498,990 | \$23,121,203 | \$23,520,303 | \$23,520,303 |
| 410 | Engineering | Salaries | \$169,484 | \$163,459 | \$167,032 | \$167,032 | \$167,032 |
| | | Expense | \$77,775 | \$67,550 | \$117,650 | \$117,650 | \$117,650 |
| | | Total | \$247,260 | \$231,009 | \$284,682 | \$284,682 | \$284,682 |
| 420 | Highway | Salaries | \$607,726 | \$584,469 | \$615,588 | \$615,588 | \$615,588 |
| | | Expense | \$928,153 | \$852,200 | \$874,210 | \$874,210 | \$874,210 |
| | | Total | \$1,535,879 | \$1,436,669 | \$1,489,798 | \$1,489,798 | \$1,489,798 |
| 511 | Sanitarian | Salaries | \$10,935 | \$11,404 | \$11,628 | \$11,628 | \$11,628 |
| | | Expense | \$41 | \$680 | \$680 | \$680 | \$680 |
| | | Total | \$10,976 | \$12,084 | \$12,308 | \$12,308 | \$12,308 |
| 541 | Council on Aging | Salaries | \$126,597 | \$132,514 | \$138,078 | \$138,078 | \$138,078 |
| | | Expense | \$6,853 | \$11,100 | \$11,100 | \$11,100 | \$11,100 |
| | | Total | \$133,450 | \$143,614 | \$149,178 | \$149,178 | \$149,178 |
| 543 | Veterans | Salaries | \$14,425 | \$14,867 | \$15,488 | \$15,488 | \$15,488 |
| | | Expense | \$79,942 | \$73,020 | \$72,930 | \$72,930 | \$72,930 |
| | | Total | \$94,368 | \$87,887 | \$88,418 | \$88,418 | \$88,418 |
| 591 | Cemeteries | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$25,802 | \$29,803 | \$30,399 | \$30,399 | \$30,399 |
| | | Total | \$25,802 | \$29,803 | \$30,399 | \$30,399 | \$30,399 |
| 610 | Library | Salaries | \$442,422 | \$455,246 | \$480,207 | \$480,207 | \$480,207 |
| | | Expense | \$202,428 | \$207,584 | \$221,307 | \$221,307 | \$221,307 |
| | | Total | \$644,849 | \$662,830 | \$701,514 | \$701,514 | \$701,514 |
| 620 | Parks & Recreation | Salaries | \$201,606 | \$231,142 | \$253,402 | \$253,402 | \$253,402 |
| | | Expense | \$75,859 | \$55,614 | \$57,074 | \$57,074 | \$57,074 |
| | | Total | \$277,465 | \$286,756 | \$310,476 | \$310,476 | \$310,476 |
| 650 | Historical Commission | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| | | Total | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| 690 | Public Access Television | Salaries | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$35,000 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| | | Expense | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Total | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$35,000 | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| 700 | Long Term Debt | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$656,000 | \$706,500 | \$771,500 | \$771,500 | \$771,500 |
| | | Total | \$656,000 | \$706,500 | \$771,500 | \$771,500 | \$771,500 |
| 702 | Interest on Debt | Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | | Expense | \$74,623 | \$95,605 | \$79,535 | \$79,085 | \$79,085 |
| | | Total | \$74,623 | \$95,605 | \$79,535 | \$79,085 | \$79,085 |
| Salaries Total | | | \$7,166,661 | \$7,360,782 | \$7,651,092 | \$7,645,992 | \$7,645,992 |
| Expense Total | | | \$27,807,884 | \$29,291,440 | \$30,609,656 | \$30,720,887 | \$30,720,887 |
| Operating Budget Total | | | \$34,974,545 | \$36,652,222 | \$38,260,748 | \$38,366,879 | \$38,366,879 |

Article 5, Exhibit A - Parliamentary Procedure for Financial Matters

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF BUDGET (ARTICLE 7) AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

1. All motions to appropriate funds not recommended by the Finance Committee, increase an appropriation recommended by the Finance Committee, or change the method of funding from the recommendation of the Finance Committee under any article considered at this Annual Town Meeting shall be made in writing, signed by the proponent, and shall be delivered to the Moderator after said motion has been seconded, and shall, if said motion proposes to appropriate funds in excess of the Finance Committee's recommendation, or decrease funding from fees or other sources of revenue which has been recommended by the Finance Committee, specify the specific available fund or the specific portion of the town budget which shall be reduced in an amount sufficient to fund said appropriation, increased appropriation or reduced funding under consideration.
2. In connection with the discussions of said motion, it shall be appropriate for the Town Meeting to consider the effect which an appropriation increase or reduction in the portion of the town budget proposed by said article would have upon the town.
3. After said written motion has been discussed, a tentative vote shall then be taken by the Town Meeting which shall not, however, be binding upon the Town Meeting. If said motion receives a majority of those voting, it shall be retained for final consideration and vote by the Town Meeting at the conclusion of the initial presentation of all proposed appropriation increases or decreases under Article 7. If said motion fails to receive a majority of those voting in said tentative vote, it shall not be subject to further consideration by said Town Meeting.
4. At the conclusion of the presentation of Article 7, before consideration of the main motions with respect to Article 7 all of those written motions relating to appropriations, increases or decreases in appropriations or decreases in funding from fees or other sources of revenue which have received a tentative majority vote shall then be presented by the Moderator for final consideration after the Finance Committee has analyzed said written motions and has prepared a summary showing the cumulative effect that the adoption of said written motions would have upon the proposed appropriations under Article 7. Said written motions shall be considered in the order in which they were presented but no motions not previously presented for tentative vote shall be considered unless requested by two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting.
5. The Finance Committee shall certify to the Moderator prior to the commencement of discussion on Article 7, upon request, the amount available for appropriation by said Town Meeting, taking into account appropriations already made and appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee which have not yet been voted upon. No motion shall be considered which attempts to appropriate an amount in excess of that which the Finance Committee certifies to be available for appropriation under the provisions of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980, as amended (Proposition 2½).

Exhibits for Voter Reference

Annual Town Meeting exhibits, referenced in the Warrant, are available in advance at the Office of Town Clerk and will be distributed at meeting:

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| Article 5 | Parliamentary Procedures |
| Article 26 | Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Exhibit A: Cottage Food Operation Regulations |
| Article 27 | Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Exhibit B: Rezoning from R-34 to R-26 |
| Article 48 | Acceptance of Deeds |
| Article 53 | Town By-Law Amendment – Exhibit A: Consumption of Intoxicating Beverages on Streets & on Certain Public Properties |
| Article 54 | Town By-Law Amendment – Exhibit B: Unreasonable Noise |

ELECTIONS

Saturday May 16, 2015

Polls Open from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Minnechaug Regional High School (PRECINCTS A, B, C, and D)

To give their votes to the election of officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers:
Selectman for three years; Town Clerk for three years; Town Moderator for three years; Assessor for three years; two Regional School Committee members for three years; Tree Warden for three years; Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Cemetery Commissioner for one year; Water Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; Planning Board member for five years; Planning Board member for one year; and Housing Authority member for five years.

Prepared and distributed by the Board of Selectmen, May 2015

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